

A further location for *Hypena obsitalis* Hb. (Lep.: Noctuidae)

A specimen of *Hypena obsitalis* Hb. came to the m.v. trap of David Fish from Churston, South Devon on 1.xii.1995; a further specimen was found by David Fish in a spider's web at the same location. I myself confirmed both specimens and I thank David Fish for letting me publish the record. Plants of pellitory-of-the-wall *Parietaria judaica*, the known foodplant, are growing in the area and on examination had signs of feeding very reminiscent of the actual larval feeding patterns seen at the other localities. Further work will be carried out during 1996 to confirm that the species is breeding here; if this proves to be so, this will be an additional locality for the species. Although this is in the same tetrad as all the other sites, this location fills in a space for this species which further indicates that it occurs all along this stretch of coastline where the foodplant occurs. This site is also the furthest inland that the moth has been seen, the rest being all coastal.

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Notes on the Silurian moth *Eriopygodes imbecilla* (Fabricius) (Lep.: Noctuidae)

I was very interested to read Dr P. Waring's notes on the Silurian moth (*antea*: 24-25). However it was with some surprise that I noted localities for this species, other than in the original gully, had not been documented before 1995. My brother and I took a small number of specimens at the site which I guess is the locality Dr Waring refers to as "to the south" on 28 June 1990. Our knowledge of the location was secondhand and we assumed, obviously in error, that this was common knowledge amongst those familiar with the Silurian. I have no idea as to how long this or perhaps other sites for this species within the same general area have been known but they obviously pre-date our visit.

However, any mention of this species brings back memories of certain events which occurred on the same evening of our visit mentioned above. We had arrived just after midday and amused ourselves searching for micro-lepidoptera. Later, as dusk was falling, a car pulled up and the driver introduced himself as a lepidopterist from the Midlands. As he may wish to remain anonymous I will refer to him as Mr X. After a brief discussion he continued to the "original" site and my brother and I set up our lights in the other locality. One of my chosen sites for the light was on a dry hummock entirely surrounded by marshy ground consisting of alternating grass tussocks and water-filled hollows that were mostly just deep enough to come over the brim of one's wellington boots. Later in the evening Mr X came down from his site to "see how we were getting on". As it happened his arrival coincided with specimens of the Silurian arriving on the sheet and naturally attention and conversation focused on this species. Gradually